

### DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names; that we verily believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "TAPERED DELAY LINE", the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto or

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as application serial no.

\_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.

Filing Date

Status

We hereby appoint Douglas L. Tschida, Registration No. 28481, of 633 Larpenteur Ave. West, Suite B, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113, Telephone No. (651) 488-8285, Facsimile No. (651) 488-8285, our attorney with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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For : TAPERED DELAY LINE

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) -  
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purpose of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-entitled invention described in

☒ the specification filed herewith.  
\_\_\_\_ application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application for patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

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Mark Brooks

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Date

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Hiroo Inoue

Oct. 30, 2001  
Date

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) -  
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Thin Film Technology Corp.  
1980 Commerce Drive  
North Mankato, MN 56001

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare the rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention and continuation-in-part patent application, entitled TAPERED DELAY LINE by the inventors Mark Brooks and Hiroo Inoue and described in

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By Tom Lietha  
Tom Lietha  
Its Chief Operating Officer

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